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STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

In response to the *Examiner's Interview Summary* mailed July 11, 2008, the Applicants
provide the present statement of the substance of the interview.

On July 3, 2008, the Applicants' undersigned representative and Examiner Milef conducted a telephonic interview. The Applicants' undersigned representative thanks the Examiner for her time, comments and courtesy with respect to the interview.

During the course of the interview, the Applicants' undersigned representative noted that Applicants' amended claims are patentable over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0042770 A1 to Van Slyke et al. ("Van Slyke") because Van Slyke does not teach or suggest *establishing a contract bundle paying off an aggregate fixed sum at maturity*. Instead, Van Slyke Paragraph Nos. 268-269 teaches establishing an *unbundled* Liquid Insurance Contract ("LIC") that optionally may later be bundled with another already established (and unbundled) LIC (i.e., "[i]t is also possible to create derivatives from multiple *existing* LICs. Some examples include: bundling many LICs to create a portfolio LIC, such as a Nationwide Auto Insurance LIC which bundles LICs from many different issuers..."(emphasis added).

Additionally, the Applicants' representative also noted that even if Van Slyke optionally bundles two already established LICs, this bundle will not have an aggregate fixed sum that is *known when the contract bundles are established*. Indeed, Van Slyke's abstract expressly states that (emphasis added): "A liquid insurance contract (LIC) comprises a security which is traded or tradable and which has cash flows to the issuer based upon a liability whose exact value is *unknown* at the time of issuance."

In response, the Examiner indicated it would be helpful if Applicants clarified within their independent claims the limitation of *the aggregate fixed sum at maturity known when the contract bundles are established*. The Examiner also indicated that she would consider Applicants' amended claims incorporating such a limitation, provided the amended claims were timely submitted. Accordingly, Applicants amended their independent claim nos. 1 & 28 and mailed their amended claims and remarks to the Examiner on July 3, 2008. The USPTO's Private PAIR system indicates said amendment and remarks were uploaded on July 7, 2008.

Also during the course of the interview, Applicants' representative reviewed with the Examiner the issue raised by the Examiner and her Supervisor during the Examiner Interview of December 13, 2007. Specifically, the Examiner and her Supervisor apparently perceived some ambiguity with respect to Applicants' previous claim language of "paying an aggregate fixed sum at maturity." For example, it was suggested such language could be perceived as meaning that a holder (or holders) of separate contracts in a contract bundle would *pay* an aggregate fixed sum at maturity *for* an underlying basis of the contract bundle (such as a particular product or service), rather than the separate contracts in the contract bundle *paying off* an aggregate fixed sum at maturity to the holder or holders of the separate contracts within the contract bundle. In response, Applicants previously amended claims 1, 7, 28 and 114 to address this issue. These limitations remain within the claims presently pending before the Examiner. Consequently, Applicants believe this issue has been resolved.

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CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing remarks, Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner has questions regarding the case, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the number given below.

Respectfully submitted,
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